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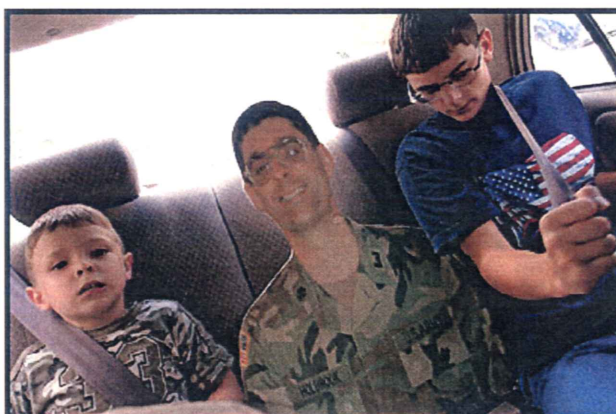
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Dear South Dakota Military Family:



South Dakota's Operation: Military Kids is pleased to offer military families a "flat soldier." These unique likenesses are available for children who have a parent deployed, either as a member of the regular armed services or a member of the guard or reserve services. The flat soldier is a life-size picture of the parent, which can make "appearances" at any number of special events, or just be used as a source of comfort for the children while mom or dad is away.



OMK has negotiated a reduced price for the printing of flat soldiers, which enables us to provide them to families **free of charge**. (One per family, please.) Families will need to cut out the photo and glue it onto cardboard or foam board when it arrives.

Our negotiations with the printing company require that we send them batches of 60 photos at a time, so we hope that many of you will respond quickly, so we can have the first shipment back before Valentine's Day. If you send your photo via email, OMK will send you an update when your photo is shipped to the printing company.

OMK grant funds have been approved to print 300 flat soldiers, so please don't delay too long if you would like to have one.

Participation is easy—simply provide the following information.

Making a Difference

South Dakota State University, South Dakota Counties and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating.
South Dakota State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and offers all benefits, services, education and employment opportunities without regard for race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, gender, sexual orientation, or Vietnam Era Veteran status.

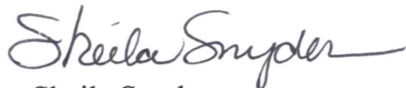
___ A digital photo of your soldier. The photo should be clear, waist up, and taken from a digital camera with a minimum of 3.0 megapixels. Camera phone pictures do not usually work. Typically, the photo will be 1-2 mgs in size. Save the photo as a jpeg or jpg file, name it with your soldier's first initial and last name. (Ex. Kreeves.jpg)

___ Email your photo to sheila.snyder@sdstaate.edu. In the message make sure you include the name of your soldier, his/her unit, service division (army, air force, navy or marines) and your complete shipping address.

Or

___ Mail a cd with your photo to Sheila Snyder, OMK Coordinator, SDSU West River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Boulevard, Rapid City, SD 57702. Write your soldiers name on the CD, and include your complete shipping address along with the unit and service division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Snyder". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sheila Snyder
OMK Coordinator